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DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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October 29, 2020

Stephen Wright
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Re: New National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Applications for:

Rock Island Dam, Permit No. WA0991032, Hwy 28, 12 miles south of Wenatchee, WA

Rocky Reach Dam, Permit No. WA0991033, Hwy 97, 6 miles north of Wenatchee, WA

Dear Stephen Wright:

Thank you for your September 19, 2019 applications for new NPDES wastewater discharge permits for Rock Island Dam and Rocky Reach Dam. An initial review shows that your applications are complete and accepted on October 21, 2020.

Your applications are a matter of public record. State Water Pollution Control Laws requires publishing of a legal Public Notice which describes the discharge for any operation. This is to give the public a chance to be aware of, and comment on any wastewater treatment and disposal facilities. In compliance with this requirement, enclosed is a copy of the Public Notice describing your wastewater discharges. The Department of Ecology will publish this notice in the "Legal Classified Section" of the **Wenatchee World** on **November 10, 2020**. There will be a 30 day comment period from the last publication date.

Permit Fees

To begin the next phase of the permit process, Ecology requires an application fee for each facility. The fee is calculated based on a minimum of \$250.00 or 25 percent of your total annual permit fee, whichever is greater. You will receive, in a separate mailing, an application fee invoice with your fee assessment category, and sub-category if applicable, from the Water Quality Fee Unit.

Once the application fees are received, Ecology will write draft permits for your review. We anticipate to begin developing your permits immediately.

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In response to the passage of Initiative 97, now codified as RCW 90.48.465, Ecology has adopted a regulation ([WAC 173-224-040](#)) establishing annual permit fees for all municipal/domestic and industrial wastewater discharge permit holders. You will be officially notified of the amount of the fee, payment schedules, and other details by the Ecology Fee Unit.

If you have questions about these fees, please visit our permit fee website at <https://ecology.wa.gov/Water-Shorelines/Water-quality/Water-quality-permits/Fees> . If you have fee related questions, please contact wqfee_unit@ecy.wa.gov.

If you have any questions about our review of the applications or the permitting process, please contact Keith Primm at 509/406-0331 or email at keith.primm@ecy.wa.gov .

Sincerely,



Cindy Huwe
Permit Coordinator
Water Quality Program

Enclosure: Public Notice

cc: Jennifer Burns, Chelan PUD